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Port of Vancouver USA

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Wind Energy Continues to Blow Steady

As the trees and flowers start to bloom and spring takes hold, the Port of Vancouver is looking forward to some exciting events in 2022 and reflecting on the strong year we had in 2021. I am happy to report that in 2021, the port achieved a strong financial year providing economic stability for the community, while moving over 7 million metric tons of commodities.

The port continued to see incredible growth in its wind energy business in 2021, with activity in the wind market expected to continue at a similar level in 2022. Later this year, we will see the longest wind blades to enter the West Coast at 78 meters.

The port is installing electric vehicle chargers in anticipation of Subaru's first electric car, the Solterra, which will come across our docks in the spring. Additionally, the port is implementing its first actions to meet its greenhouse gas reductions, as identified in its Climate Action Plan, which was approved by the commissioners last year.

Our 2021 Sustainability Report (available on our website) examines port-wide sustainability efforts in terms of people, planet and profits. Staff identified 71 target goals and had an achievement rate of 90%. Goals include everything from instituting new online community engagement tools, to repurposing surplus office supplies for use at home offices. We start 2022 with a sense of gratitude for all our community support and look forward to a busy and prosperous year.



Final touches being made to AC Hotel by Marriott and Vancouver Landing, both scheduled to open this summer.

Big Things Happening at Terminal 1

If you've been to Vancouver's waterfront recently, you've noticed that it's bustling with activity. In March, crews began deconstructing the old Red Lion hotel and Quay Restaurant, as part of the port's Terminal 1 vision and master plan. With the buildings gone, the port can remove the 100+ year old wooden dock and pilings and replace them with a new dock able to support a public market.

The western portion of Terminal 1, known as Vancouver Landing, is opening soon. This renovated outdoor public area features a viewing garden and generous seating spaces to relax and enjoy views of the Columbia River. The project also includes an extension to the popular Renaissance Trail and connects to trail sections already complete at the Waterfront Vancouver project.

The 7-story AC Hotel by Marriott, sits just north of Vancouver Landing and features

150 guest rooms, parking, a retail shop and 7,000 sq ft of meeting space. The hotel is expected to open to the public early this summer. As the first tenant-developed project to be completed at Terminal 1, it is a welcome addition to the waterfront.

In March, Port of Vancouver commissioners approved a lease transfer of two blocks at Terminal 1 to the port's primary commercial real estate developer, Lincoln Property Company (LPC). LPC will break ground soon on a mix of commercial, office space and parking at Terminal 1—including the new headquarters for Vancouver company ZoomInfo. ZoomInfo anticipates bringing 4,000 jobs to its waterfront location at full build out. As the weather continues to improve into summer, head over to the waterfront for a stroll and check out the progress of the development as you relax at Vancouver Landing.



Paddlers enjoy an LCEP excursion on Vancouver Lake. In-person activities for the program returned this spring.

LCEP Educational Opportunities Return to Lake

The Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP) has been offering educational programs at Vancouver Lake since 2015 to communicate the importance of the lake as a regional resource. Programs are primarily aimed toward fifth grade students and teachers. The program includes field trips to the lake, in class science lessons and free canoe paddles, open to all community members.

During the COVID-19 pandemic LCEP realized that learning did not stop and seeing an opportunity for a new method to reach students and teachers, they pivoted to providing online lessons focusing on native plants, birds and watersheds. Additionally, they produced an “Experience Vancouver Lake”

printable map (available on their [website](#)), which shows walking trails where you can learn about sounds, plants and animals at the lake.

For those without computers, they produced science kits that students could engage with at home. Once school was back in session, LCEP provided fish dissection classes that were conducted outdoors following social distancing guidelines. LCEP also organized on-lake paddles for Clark County Promise (an organization helping children and families affected by homelessness) and local Girl Scouts.

This spring, in-class lessons and in-person field trips return. LCEP will offer their popular community paddle excursions on the lake

in their 12-passenger canoes (with two staff member guides). Call LCEP for information about the canoe trips at 503-226-1565. At-home learning activities can be found at www.estuarypartnership.org under the “our work” and “education program” tabs.

The programs outlined are made possible through a funding partnership between Port of Vancouver, Clark County and the city of Vancouver. The public partners and LCEP have been focused on teaching students an appreciation of the lake ecosystem and its wildlife with the hope that the students take up the mantle to become future stewards of Vancouver Lake.

Port Receives Grant for Bike/Pedestrian Path

The popular bike and pedestrian path along Lower River Road will soon be expanding. In April, the port was awarded a grant in the amount of \$175,000 from the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council for the design and planning of segment 5 of the trail. A grant for the design and planning of segment 4 was received in 2021. Both segments will be planned together and will stretch west of Farwest Steel on Lower River Road. The pathway is being completed in segments to address funding opportunities and the unique design needs specific to each segment.

The design for these segments is unique and includes wetland areas in segment 4,

which will require a bridge to be built; and steep sloping in segment 5. These segments require permitting through the National Environmental Policy Act to ensure designs meet current guidelines for construction.

When fully complete, the pathway will extend 4.5 miles along Lower River Road. It is part of a countywide trail system that will eventually connect Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Washougal to the Columbia River Renaissance Trail and to Frenchman’s Bar Regional Park in Vancouver.

Follow the Port of Vancouver on social media for future updates on the construction and opening of the new segments.



Pedestrians and bicyclists enjoying the bike/ped path on Lower River Road.


2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

Global supply chain challenges dramatically impacted the shipping industry in 2021 but the port was less affected by this because of advanced planning and a diversified cargo mix that is not reliant on any one industry. For more information about the port's work in 2021, please visit the Year in Review on our website: portvanusa.com/community/year-in-review/.

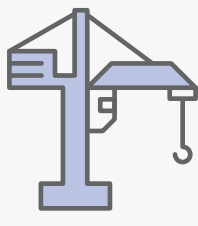
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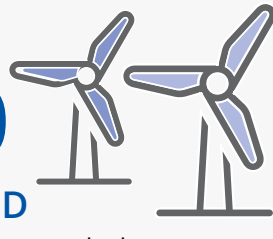
433,000 HOURS WORKED BY ILWU LONGSHORE 

Generates millions of dollars in local wages and spending in our community

 **5,400,000** metric tons of GRAIN EXPORTED

100% OFFSET OF ELECTRICAL USAGE in port utility-controlled buildings


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METRIC TONS OF CARGO

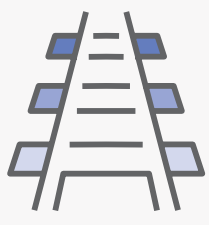
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by wind turbines crossing port docks



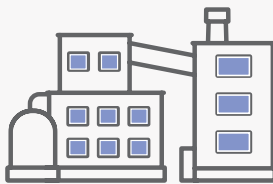
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360
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29,200
metric tons of ALUMINUM IMPORTED


62,500
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458,000
metric tons of SCRAP METAL EXPORTED

99% 
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Top trading partners:
CHINA,
SOUTH KOREA,
MALAYSIA,
JAPAN,
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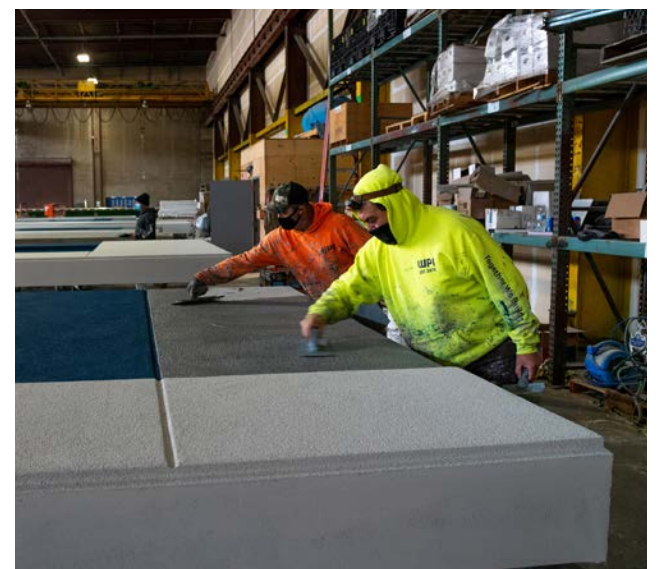
86%
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IMPORTS

Port Welcomes Two New Businesses

The Port of Vancouver, which is home to over 50 industrial tenants, has recently welcomed two new businesses, bringing with them well-paying jobs—economic development that benefits the community.

[Western Partitions Inc. \(WPI\)](#), which signed a lease in 2021, is one of the largest interior and exterior contracting firms in the western U.S. WPI provides contracting services including pre-construction, pre-fabrication and modularization services. The port location is used for WPI's PreFab line, which is the fastest growing portion of their business. This large, state-of-the-art facility allows WPI to work on prefabrication of exterior and interior wall panels and modular pods which, when completed, are transported to a project site for assembly. WPI's focus is on large-scale commercial buildings, many in the Pacific Northwest. One of their most recent projects was the new concourse at PDX. Their commitment to quality work has earned them multiple industry awards and led to consistent growth for the company, bringing 35 jobs to the port.

The second new business, [Fisher Construction Group](#), purchased 2.28 acres in Centennial Industrial Park from the port and recently completed construction on their Vancouver operations center. Fisher began as a home building business in the 1970s and expanded into commercial and industrial projects a decade later. The company's focus now is the design and construction of food processing and cold storage facilities, primarily in the western U.S. and Canada. The division located at the port installs insulated metal panels in these facilities. Fisher is one of the Pacific Northwest's first design-build firms, handling a build from start to finish by employing architects, engineers and project managers. They provide green building training to employees and have achieved LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) in four projects, including the first LEED platinum award for a food processing facility. The company has a goal to grow their staff at the CIP site from 35 to 75+ within five years.



Top: Western Partitions Inc.

Bottom: Fisher Construction Group



C-TRAN Service Arrives at the Port

The Current is C-TRAN's new, on-demand rideshare service, providing door-to-door transportation for just the cost of a bus ride and they recently expanded to the Port of Vancouver!

This new transit option complements C-TRAN's existing traditional fixed route service, by providing transportation for customers who are traveling within specific areas to a destination that is not served by regular buses.

With The Current, riders in one of the five service zones can get direct connections to employment, schools, medical services and more without paying the higher, sometimes prohibitive, rates of traditional ride share services. Costs per ride for The Current is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for honored (older) riders and youth.

The port zone provides service to the Port of Vancouver and surrounding industrial areas and provides flexible service to Vancouver Amtrak. If a rider needs to travel outside of the

area, it allows connections to select downtown stops to facilitate transfers to other routes.

C-TRAN's mobile app allows riders to schedule a ride or track an arrival, just like other rideshare services. Rides can also be scheduled by calling 360-695-0123. All The Current rides are provided by C-TRAN drivers and vehicles. Users may pay on board with cash or with contactless mobile payment through Hop Fastpass app or a "Hop" card.

By utilizing The Current, riders may cut down commute times considerably. Service for the Port of Vancouver zone operates weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. C-TRAN is working to further connect Vancouver by providing greater public transit accessibility for the community.

For more information about the service or to register as a user, please visit C-TRAN's website: <https://www.c-tran.com/thecurrent>.

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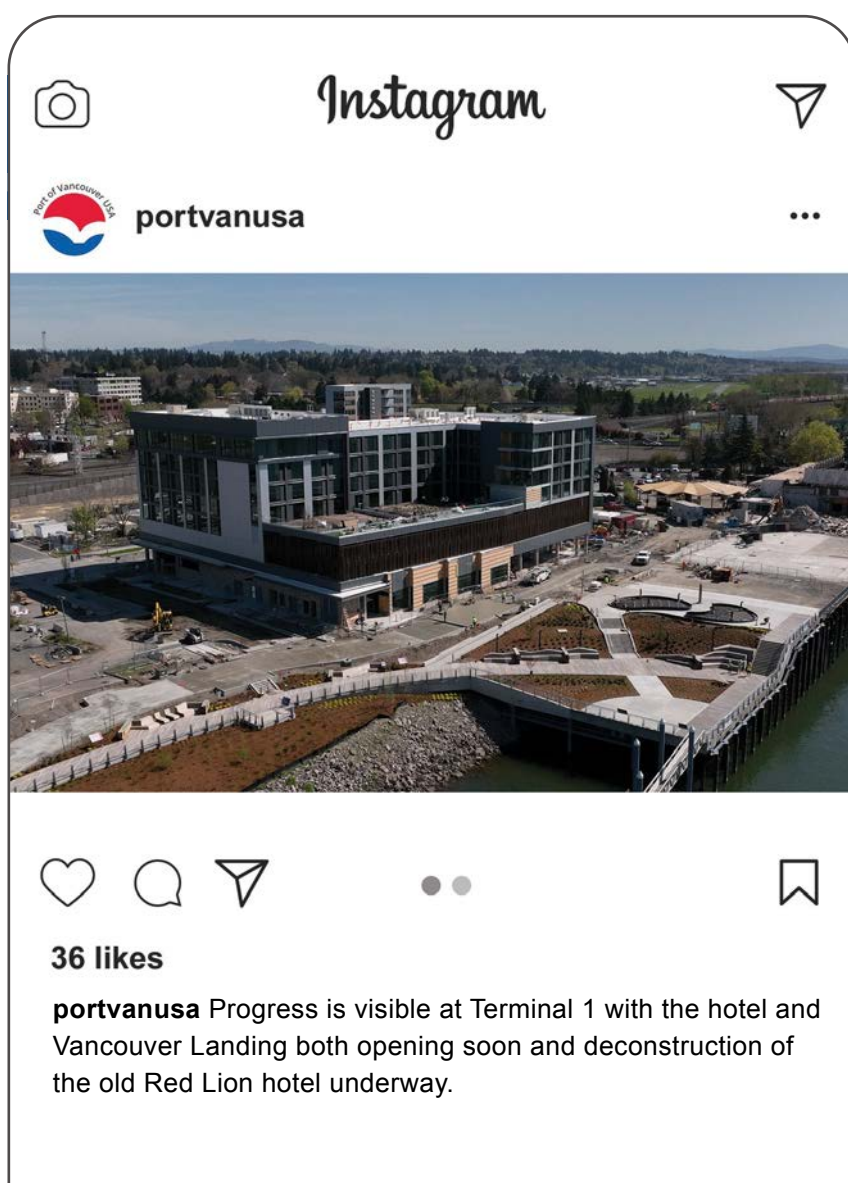
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